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CALENDAR



Tues., Oct. 21 — Opening of Photo Exhibit, by Gordon Parks. Reception, 6:15 p.m.

Reception for 100 European Journalists. Cocktails, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Buffet dinner, 7:00 p.m.

The photo exhibit is entitled "Ten Years of the Human Theme for Life."

The journalists' reception, given by Pan American World Airways, is for the European newsmen who will arrive in the U.S. that afternoon on the jet flight from Paris.

Wed., Oct. 22 — Reception. French Scholarship Winners. 6:15 p.m.

Jean Claude Cantorne and Yves Laulan, winners of the Ass'n. des Boursiers Caltex scholarships who are touring major cities in the U.S. on a Caltex international cultural mission, will be guests with French officials.

Bordeaux wines will be served, compliments of Caltex.

OPC TO RECEIVE CZECHOSLAVAK NAT'L COUNCIL AWARD OCT. 25

The OPC will be presented with the first Jan Masaryk Award by the Czechoslovak Nat'l. Council of America on Oct. 25.

A.J. Valusek will present OPC President Thomas P. Whitney with the plaque, given for services of OPCers in the cause of Freedom of the Press, at a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The occasion is the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the Czechoslovak Republic, twentieth anniversary of famous Munich pact, tenth anniversary of the Communist putsch and tenth anniversary of Jan Masaryk's death.

NEW OPC COMMITTEE

A new OPC "Media Night" Committee has been established under the chairmanship of Leo J. Margolin to set up monthly Thursday night panels at the OPC.

Three Tension-Packed Sleepless Days In Rome

by Allan Jacks
Associated Press
Rome Bureau Chief

A telephone's jingle in the Rome bureau early Monday, Oct. 6, signaled the start of a grim test of nerves. "The Pope has taken a grave turn for the worse," the caller said. The three ensuing days were the most tension-packed nerve-wracking and sleepless in the memory of the oldest Rome staffers.

The highly competitive nature of the story produced problems almost immediately. "Voices" - Italian journalesse for unnamed sources - cropped up everywhere: in the papers, on your telephone, in various press rooms. The Pope was on the brink of death, said some voices; he was dead, said others. Then the Italian press and radio invoked the language's wonderful flexibility. "Il Papa Sarebbe" said the headlines - the Pope could be drawing his last breath.

At Castel Gandolfo and at the Vatican, where newsmen and photographers swarmed in scores, there was utter confusion. Even Vatican officials occasionally contributed to it by giving answers to questions on which they apparently were not informed.

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OPCer In Red China

John Strohm, editor of the *Ford Almanac*, spent three weeks writing and photographing in Red China at the height of the Quemoy crisis last month, the NEA service announced last week.

The first article on his trip which he prepared for NEA appeared this week. Others will follow.

Strohm's trip to Red China took months of preparation. The first step was U.S. authorization which he requested early this summer. During a talk with the State Dep't., Strohm was told he could go into Red China if he were designated a correspondent for one of the twenty-six news outfits which had received permission in August 1957 to send a man into Red China.

Strohm made arrangements with both NEA and the *Reader's Digest*.

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"NO. 33" PURCHASE OKed IN PRINCIPLE CLUB TO MEET WITH FUND

The Board of Governors has approved in principle the project of purchasing - in cooperation with the Correspondents Fund - the building next door to the OPC, Number 33 East 39th Street.

Acting on a detailed report compiled by a special committee under chairman Merrill "Red" Mueller, the Board appointed a new committee, headed by Frank Wachsmith, to consult with the president of the Correspondents Fund, John Barkham, on the ways and means of the purchase.



Members of Mueller's committee were Matthew Huttner, Frank Wachsmith and Franz Weissblatt.

Members of Wachsmith's committee are Ben Grauer, John Wilhelm, N.R. "Nat" Caine and Matthew Huttner.

In its initial investigations, the Committee discovered that a strong similarity in layout of Number 33 to the present OPC building would give maximum advantage in joining the two buildings.

The lobby of Number 35, for example, is to the right of the stairs and elevators on the east wall. Number 33 is laid out to the left. Joining the floors under such a layout would give maximum floor space.

Now Private Apartments

Number 33 is at present a private apartment building.

The committee studied the feasibility of joining the two buildings through the basement and first and second floors - to increase the area of the dining room, bar and kitchen. Engineering studies indicate this can be done.

The Correspondents Fund is involved because it is the owner of the present Club quarters at 35 East 39th Street and would presumably be the owner of the

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OVERSEAS TICKER



ZURICH

The Swiss Defense Ministry has finally given in to requests from the Foreign Press Ass'n. to see the country's military forces in action. A group of correspondents, led by Association committeeman Andres Gregoriades, UPI bureau chief, will accompany Swiss army units on maneuvers for the first time next week.

Joe Morgenstern, *N.Y. Times* correspondent for Switzerland, on loan to the *Times'* Paris bureau for the French referendum, is staying on in the "city of light" for the follow-up.

Bob Kroon, *Time-Life* Swiss correspondent, on leave in Rome when the death of the Pope was announced, finds himself on a "fireman's holiday." Alex des Fontaines, CBC correspondent, is providing stand-in coverage from Geneva.

Robert Allen, NANA and *Daily Telegraph* correspondent, passed latter assignment to John Meyer, formerly of Reuters. Meyer thus returns to the Geneva beat he covered for three years for Reuters after World War II.

George Gerard, ABC Swiss correspondent, back from a quick look-and-listen trip to Lebanon.

Paul Cremona, *Christian Science Monitor*, named Swiss contributor to the new business-letter being issued twice monthly in Europe by the *N.Y. Herald Tribune* to a selected list of subscribers. Cremona's first assignment was a tour of Swiss business centers to take the pulse of the country with the lowest degree of inflation in the world.

Two American correspondents, Eldon Griffith of *Newsweek's* London bureau and Paul Ringier, roving correspondent of the *Milwaukee Journal*, turned up for a seminar held this week by the International Press Institute in Luxembourg to acquaint economic and foreign editors with some of the problems of European integration.

Jules Witcover, *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, back from Salzburg on the next-to-last lap of a nine-month European tour to study what happened to World War II refugees. William A. Rutherford

BANGKOK

AP chief of bureau in Manila, Jim Becker with his wife Betty stopped here for sightseeing. They're on a three-month home leave and making a round-the-world tour.

Darrell Berrigan, *N.Y. Times*, took his first vacation since he started the *Bangkok World* twenty months ago. He went to the beach and lack of work made him miserable, finally rushed home after the *World* carried a two-column picture

of a camel captioned: "Air Hostess Cover Girl." (A photo of Sweden's Birgitta Lindman, *Life's* Sept. 29 cover girl, had been misplaced.)

The Foreign Correspondents Club gave a dinner in honor of Thailand's PR director, Lt. Gen. Surachit Charuserani. It was our annual bid to get press cable rates lowered. Still no luck.

Douglas Rivett-Carnac, who is to correspondents what the Emerald Buddha is to tourists, returned to Bangkok after a six months' leave in England. He is British Information Services director - has been in Thailand twenty-five years.

Navy Capt. Bill Lederer flew in for the SEATO Military Advisors Conference here. Bill, Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Harry D. Felt's special assistant, will get out of the Navy in November to take up an assignment as Far East representative for *Reader's Digest*, based in Honolulu. He is co-author, with Eugene Burdick, of *The Ugly American*, an October Book-of-the-Month Club selection.

Cmdr. Dick McCool, PIO for military staff at SEATO, given a round of send-off parties by his Bangkok friends. He goes to Great Lakes as 9th Naval District PIO. Murray Fromson

MEXICO CITY

The foreign press corps' next-to-last bachelor here, *N.Y. Times*-man Paul P. Kennedy was married on Sept. 26 to English senorita Diana Southwood. He came late to an engagement party, given by Dan James and Art Diggle, after covering the labor union and student riots but was on time for both the religious and civil wedding ceremonies.

Kennedy and Diggle, attache to the Ambassador, covered a week-long air junket to Yucatan and Quintana Roo with U.S. Ambassador Robert C. Hill. Hill rushed back to throw a fancy fiesta for the Kennedys, attended by all the foreign correspondents.

Manchester Guardian's Betty Kirk rented her suburban home and moved to a mid-town apartment to work on a political think-book...new address is Estocolmo 4.

Virginia Snow, *Laredo Times* and other Texas papers, has resumed her daily columns after a bout in the hospital. She'll leave soon for a visit with her family in Detroit.

Bob Benjamin planning a trip to New York.

AP's Charley Guptill due back shortly from home leave which was spent in Maine and New York.

Peter Weaver, McGraw-Hill World News bureau chief, and wife Vida are settled in a new penthouse.

Marion Wilhelm

TAIPEI

Despite respite in bombardment of Quemoy, foreign correspondents continue to come. Fred Rhinstein reinforces the NBC team, Frederick Coleman for Reuters, Julian Hartt for Hearst newspapers, Igor Oganessoff for *Wall Street Journal*, John Gale for *London Observer*. Foreign correspondents now number 65.

Geraldine Fitch

IAPA ELECTS OFFICERS

Dr. Alberto Gainza Paz, publisher of *La Prensa* in Buenos Aires, was elected president of the Inter-American Press Ass'n. on Oct. 11.

John A. Brogan, Jr. of the Hearst Corp. was reelected treasurer at the annual meeting in Buenos Aires.

Jules Dubois, of the *Chicago Tribune* was reelected chairman of the IAPA's Freedom of the Press Committee. He has held the post for eight years.

Among those named to the Executive Committee were Andrew Heiskell, *Life* magazine; Herbert L. Matthews, *N.Y. Times*.

Bill Gray, *Life* magazine, was among new members elected to the Board of Directors.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

Eugene J. Taylor, *N.Y. Times*, received 1957 Howard W. Blakeslee Award with \$500 honorarium by American Heart Ass'n for *Times* articles on President Eisenhower's stroke a year ago...Leon Pearson with new five-minute daily news and commentary broadcast on WRCA-TV at 1:25 p.m....William R. Hearst, Jr. on record Pan American 707 flight to Europe — he was on record cross country last year.

Joseph Pierson, *Paris Tribune*, Press Wireless, *Chicago Tribune*, authored novel with monastery background, *Do Not Forsake Me* (Vantage Press, N.Y.), after living for months with Trappist monks...Peter Celliers, *Redbook*, named board chairman of Society of American Travel Writers...Horace Sutton, travel editor of *Saturday Review* and syndicated columnist, awarded Italian Star of Solidarity for his book on Italy, travel articles, and series on Andrea Doria sinking; Richard Joseph, *Esquire* travel editor, awarded same medal.

Charles B. Seton back from Europe and counseling Philips Phonograph Records of Holland...Dick Hanser preparing "Meet Mr. Lincoln" script for NBC's Special Projects, for February televising in connection with Lincoln sesquicentennial...Bill Camahan in Montreal to address Advertising and Sales Club...Mort Kauffman in Europe to arrange for Theatre Guild Tours Abroad, the first in January next year.

Newsweek general editor Philip Clarke's May 3 *Saturday Evening Post* story on the adoption of his Greek orphan son, Nicholas ("The Lad and I Came Trough"), to be dramatized on CBS' Armstrong Circle Theatre; tentative date Dec. 24...Milburn McCarty Inc., PR, celebrated fifth year this month...Egbert White and wife in Buenos Aires for Business Int'l.'s round-table conference (next week) of U.S. international executives and Argentine government officials...Richard Thomas back from Europe and on two-month lecture tour in east U.S.

Reader's Digest PR director Sterling Fisher back from Central American trip and promotional work on *Selecciones*, Spanish-language edition...John Luter and Will Oursler on Barry Gray show last week to discuss expulsion from Moscow of CBS's Paul Niven...Oursler and Roland Gammon guests of Fannie Hurst on her television show (Channel 5) last week...Hugh Conway took first prize in open jumper class at Sunnycroft Horse Show at Wallkill, N.Y. last week.

Douglas Larsen named General Dynamics Corp. Washington, D.C. PR manager...Thurston Macauley named assistant to *Stars and Stripes* feature editor Homer Cable in Darmstadt; Berkley Publishing Corp. to bring out paperback of Macauley's *The Great Omnibus* — from Homer

Made Ass't Treas.

N.R. ("Nat") Caine was appointed Assistant Treasurer of the OPC by action of the Board of Governors on Oct. 8.

He will assist Treasurer John Wilhelm, who was elected by the Board of Governors on Sept. 10.



CAINE

Caine's duties will be to handle finances of the Club and study means by which we can increase income and make other economies. Caine, whose column, "Tax Pointers" has appeared in the *N.Y. World Telegram and Sun* since 1947, is head of his own firm of certified public accountants. He is a former member of the board of directors of the Investor's League and is author of several books, among them *Your Family Without You*.

He is a member of the Budget Committees of the OPC and the Lotus Club.

to Hemingway.

Ed Dowell's new headquarters with Kennecott Copper in Salt Lake City — offers a hand to OPCers passing through...Madeline Ross leaves Nov. 14 for Int'l. Conference of Social Work in Japan — she'll hit Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok, Rangoon, New Delhi, Athens and Spain before returning Jan. 16...Kurt Dosmar leaving same day for South American vacation, stopping in Lima, Santiago, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Caracas and Havana.

Norman Reader to Europe for conferences with business and government people in connection with development of European Common Market...Robert A. Wiener, formerly with Foreign Policy Ass'n., joined PR dep't. of Socony Mobil Oil Co.

AWARD TO GAZETTE

The *Arkansas Gazette* was presented with the annual Freedom House Award at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Oct. 14. Speakers included Harry S. Ashmore, executive editor of the paper. Gardner Cowles, president of Cowles Magazines; Edward R. Morrow, CBS. The presentation was made by Judge Harold R. Medina.

ANNUAL BALL ANNOUNCED

The Front Page Ball, held annually by the New York Newspaper Women's Club, is scheduled for Nov. 14 at the Hotel Astor.

Tickets, at \$15, \$20 and \$25 per person, are on sale at the club's headquarters at the Hotel Biltmore. Joan O'Sullivan is president.

Thais Expel TASS-man

Bangkok — The Thai Government has expelled TASS correspondent Yuri Trushin on charges of engaging in "subversive activities."

Trushin, vice-president of the Foreign Correspondents Club and Soviet Embassy attache Khairulla M. Shalkharov were scheduled to leave for Moscow on Oct. 13.

Police General Sawai Saenyakorn told newsmen he had positive proof that the two Soviet nationals had "prepared the way for the eventual Communist domination of Thailand." They were accused of infiltrating newspapers, labor unions and university student groups.

More Than Three Years

Trushin had been in Thailand more than three years. Like many of the Russians here, he is a friendly man who was well-liked by the other correspondents. Only two weeks ago, Trushin and two other Soviet Embassy employees entertained this correspondent, *London Daily Telegraph* correspondent Michael Field and Mrs. Field at a Russian-style dinner.

He has been writing a book on Thailand because he said there are no reliable references available in the Russian language.

Trushin was arrested on Oct. 7, an hour after he was visited by this correspondent and Darrell Berrigan of the *Bangkok World* and *N.Y. Times*. He had been sleeping and was surprised when we told him that he was going to be deported. Rumors that he would be thrown out of Thailand had been circulating for months, but there was no indication that a definite decision had been taken.

Released on Bail

The TASS correspondent was fingerprinted and released on \$2,500 bail provided by the Soviet Embassy. He was barred from contacting anyone in Thailand, but he made no attempt to discourage anyone from seeking him out.

Since the notice, we talked for more than an hour at the Soviet Embassy where he seemed happy to see visitors. He blamed his troubles on "American intelligence agents," and laughingly explained that "we watch your homes in Moscow and you watch ours here."

Trushin's wife and child returned to Moscow earlier this year. He has been increasingly open in expressing his dislike for Thailand and seemed especially unhappy over his failure to win more sincere pro-Communist sympathizers here.

Murray Fromson

newsman

HAVE ABSOLUTE PITCH, WILL TRAVEL

by Paul Moor

El Paso, Texas

Nine years ago, when I first had occasion to apply for a Spanish visa, the ugly word WRITER in my passport necessitated my signing away my soul (in triplicate) to Generalissimo Franco in the eventuality anything I might publish should deviate from his own idea of Truth.

Recalling this the next time I was issued a new passport, I toyed briefly with the vainglorious notion of GENTLEMAN, but the Consul in Nice requested proof, so instead I produced evidence of a university degree in music, and since then I have been a MUSICOLOGIST. (A resourceful American correspondent I once knew in the excitable Banana Republics was a SPORTSMAN.)

This does no one any harm, least of all those immigration officials who don't know what the hell it is, and it's helped me considerably in those countries, especially in Eastern Europe, where normal journalistic inquisitiveness is frowned upon.

It also, on occasion, has got me in dutch when I've suddenly reverted to my customary habits as general journalist and photographer (as in Poland during the 1956 Gomulka crisis, when I overnight metamorphosed from a *N.Y. Times* special music correspondent into a *Life* photographer and *Time* reporter), but on the positive side it's gained me access to just about every Eastern European country which Mr. Dulles considers safe for the clean-cut, clean-living American boy.

Interesting Assignments

Keeping informed on musical doings in Eastern Europe has brought me during the past few years a whole series of assignments (with visas freely given) which have without exception turned out to be only partly musical.

The first occasion — the annual "Prague Spring" — resulted in many peripheral but long and meaty talks with, for instance, an expelled deviationist Czech party member (whose unregenerate wife had filled their apartment with abstract art); a foreign Jew whose Czech relatives earlier had suffered under Stalinist anti-Semitism and who was now installed in luxury at the Hotel Alcron at the penitent government's invitation; a wistful, enquiring American who had chosen to stay and work for the Czechs after his job with a UNESCO offshoot petered out.

In East Germany, students and casual restaurant acquaintances have eagerly filled me in on every subject under the sun.

And in Hungary (in early 1956) and Poland, people from every social stratum all but fought with one another to have at an American, even a music critic, *viva voce*.

Enervating Stint

Seven weeks in the U.S.S.R. this Spring, when I wound up going on Van Cliburn's concert tour, shooting the *Life* story, and filing sixty-odd pages for the *Time* cover story, constitute probably the most enervating such stint to date, but Poland was in general the liveliest.

I was the first foreigner to interview and photograph Cardinal Wyszyński after his release, and a few other gratifying plums fell my way, but Poland was also the scene of a journalistic fumble which, even at this distance in time, I can think of only with shame.

An exploratory twenty-four-hour excursion from Warsaw to Krakow, lugging a leaden camera bag, had netted me nothing usable on film, and at dawn I arose, queasy and despondent, for a similar junket to Wroclaw (all Polish planes seem to depart at dawn).

I glanced with distaste at the camera gear in my Warsaw hotel room and let it lie. That night — the only foreign journalist in Wroclaw — I witnessed, with my impotent hands in my pockets, the student torchlight parade and storming (I choose the word) of the House of Polish-Soviet Friendship which constituted the first open anti-Soviet, anti-Rokossowski demonstration in all Poland.

I think it was the next day the *Life* bureau in Bonn, ignorant of my flub, finally reached me in Warsaw and uttered the lapidary statement: "If you've got anything on film, kid, anything at all, you can write your own check."

Since then, I have been the only musicologist of my acquaintance to wear a camera even in the shower.

Physically Attacked

Poland was also the only place I've ever been physically attacked in the line of photographic duty, when student supporters of the Hungarian uprising dragged me down from a seven-foot pile of masonry because "we don't want any propaganda in the West about Poland's being in chaos."

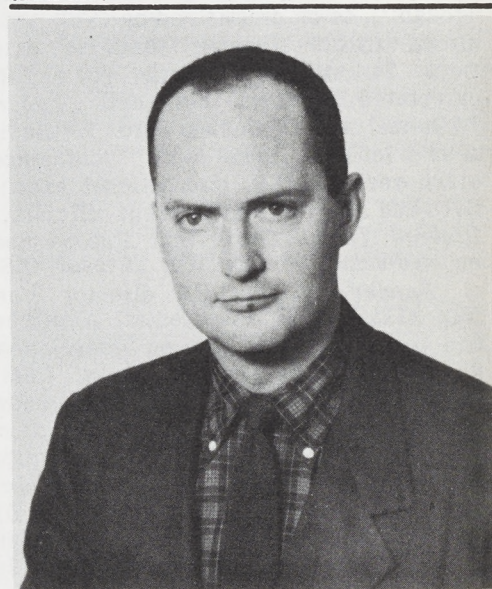
For a man who a mere few days earlier had been dining evening after evening with Nadia Boulanger in Warsaw's Hotel Bristol, gracefully, gravely, with savant phrase and lambent wit, dissecting the merits of this or that

avant-garde symphony or cantata, it was a stimulating and invigorating experience.

There are other perquisites to such an offbeat career. In Moscow this spring, when the composer Dmitri Kabalevsky learned I was a guest lecturer on contemporary American music at Berlin's *Freie Universitaet*, he impulsively asked how I'd feel about doing something similar at the Moscow Conservatory this winter. (An American Embassy official said, "Wonderful! If you have the time, I certainly hope you will." How times change!)

A few weeks ago, Kabalevsky followed through with a registered letter asking for more explicit details, but I'm not just yet buying one of those fur-lined coats of the type that makes most American Muscovites look like oildrums but serves merely to enhance that most beautiful newspaperman in Moscow, Colette Schwartzbach.

Between the times of my writing this article and your reading it, I'll have ended a short visit to my family in Texas, visited Tucson, San Francisco and Los Angeles, gone over the Pole for the big Stravinsky premiere in Venice, attended the Bartok Festival in Budapest, the "Warsaw Autumn" of contemporary music, and arrived home in Berlin for a Hamburg Opera performance of Alban Berg's "Lulu." But if I wind up doing a regular news job at any or all stops, it'll surprise no one less than me.



PAUL MOOR

Paul Moor is the Berlin correspondent for the Reporter and ABC, a contributor to Harper's, the New Yorker and other magazines, and special Central European music stringer for Time. Until last year he was also a Magnum Photos correspondent.

LETTERS



Dear Editor,

The Oct. 4 story about OPC's cupid role in the lives of *Columbia Rossi* and *Dan O'Brien* brings to mind how *The Overseas Press Bulletin* played cupid to my wife, *Doris Johnston*, and me in 1946.

The Bulletin, shortly after I joined the OPC in May, 1946, carried the following item: "*Thurston Macauley*... says that his firm, Readers Press, is interested in hearing from OPC members who have book ideas, books finished or unfinished. He promises quick decisions or reading."

Doris Johnston was the first person to appear at my office in response to the item. She brought with her her diary of her war-time ordeal in the Philippines and earlier experiences as UP correspondent covering the Sino-Japanese war. Her book was ultimately published.

And she and I became husband and wife.

Thurston Macauley

FLORIDA OPCers ORGANIZING

Helen Alpert writes of enthusiasm shown to date for a Florida Chapter of the OPC.

So far letters to out-of-Miami OPCers have brought enthusiastic responses from *Pat Frank*, *Ed Pickard*, *J. Clifford Stark* and *Thomas Cope*.

In Miami, Miss Alpert, *Helen Baum* and *Carol Weld* are working out details for the first informal meeting. They'd appreciate formative tips from other groups — address Miss Alpert, 350 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach 39. Miami members can 'phone JE 1-1927.

MISS UTLEY TO EUROPE, N. AFRICA

Freda Utley left Washington, D.C. for a four-month trip to Europe and North Africa where she'll gather material for a new book, a follow-up to her thirteenth entitled *Will the Middle East go West?*

KARNOW GETS EXCLUSIVE

Time's Stanley Karnow obtained exclusive interview with Ferhat Abbas, first since the Algerian became premier of government in exile, for cover story on Algeria in this week's *Time*.

ATTN: FIRST ARMY HONOREES

Any OPCers who received a First Army Certificate of Appreciation at a ceremony held at the OPC Annual Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in March 1947 could help in a research project by contacting *John Wilhelm*, c/o OPC, New York, or calling him at LO 4-3000.

TREASURER'S REPORT



The OPC shows a net profit of \$916.97 for the first five months of the Club year, ending Aug. 31, 1958, if initiation fees of \$2,550.00 are included in the operating income.

The present Treasurer took over the Club accounts as of Aug. 31, 1958, with auditor's reports showing cash on hand of \$90,272.86 in savings and checking accounts.

Our total assets at that time were \$121,944.53 in cash and equivalents, plus fixed assets, less depreciation, of \$44,730.42, giving total assets of \$166,674.95. Our obligations were bills payable of \$22,285.06 and unearned dues of \$9,709.94, totaling \$31,995.00 leaving a members' equity of \$134,563.23.

Total revenues for the first five months of the Club year were \$138,767.23, and total expenses were \$135,836.72, leaving a profit of \$2,930.51. From this must be deducted \$2,013.54 for depreciation of fixed assets, leaving a net profit of \$916.97.

However, during the month of August, the Club suffered a net operating loss of \$3,012.28. This compared with an operating loss of \$2,614.89 for the same month last year. For the first five months of the year, the Club had an operating deficit of \$1,633.03, compared to a deficit of \$8,551.89 for the first five months of last year.

A substantial part of the operating loss is due to a seasonal decline in business in the dining room in the month of August. The dining room lost \$1,375.60 in August while serving 3,571 covers, compared to a loss of \$1,317.70 for the same month last year. Dining room business has improved in September, and it is hoped the September statement will be more favorable.

The Bar showed a profit of \$2,789.58 for the month of August which offset the dining room loss and showed a net income of \$1,479.14 for the combined departments.

Respectfully submitted,
John Wilhelm, Treasurer

OPCer FLIGHT CREW MEMBER

Albert E. Norman, *Overseas Press Bulletin* correspondent in Sydney, Australia, had the flight rank of "Aviation Correspondent" during a round-the-world trip he made for his recent *Christian Science Monitor* series.

He flew around the world in twenty-three days on the flight deck of a Super "G" Constellation, making an operational survey of the world operation of QANTAS, the Australian international airline. Norman stood watches, served as look-out, and monitored signals as an honorary uniformed crew member.



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TENSION-PACKED (Cont'd from p. 1.)

Then tipsters began to show up, along with a gentleman or two willing to tap Castel Gandolfo phone lines, for a price.

AP maintained twenty-four hour watches at Castel Gandolfo, 18 miles from Rome, to check all coming and going for scraps of news. We did the same at the Vatican. Somebody had to stay around the office, too, and do a little writing.

Early Wednesday, an Italian news agency bulletined, eighteen hours prematurely, that the Pope had died. Other agencies picked up the report. Call-backs flew from all directions. Even the strongest nerves were bruised but AP's Rome staff stood pat, quickly got a denial. Previously, we had made the obvious decision: Trust no one but yourself your arrangements, your people.

In the end, the Pope himself, in a sense, dissolved the chaos. Vatican Radio, developed by Pius XII into one of the world's largest and most powerful stations, began regular broadcasts on his condition. In a calm voice, a priest announcer reported periodically from a microphone in the antechamber to the Pope's bedroom. Sorrowfully, but finally, he announced the death just five minutes after it occurred. *The AP Log.*

OPCER IN RED CHINA

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In July Strohm flew to Russia for a new look at the farm areas he had toured in 1946. While there, he cabled Mao Tse-tung saying he was looking at Soviet agriculture and would like permission to see agricultural developments in Red China. He also approached the Red Chinese embassies in Moscow, Helsinki, Stockholm and Copenhagen, all points on his route home from Russia.

When he had returned to Chicago, he received an okay from the embassy in Helsinki and after weeks of arrangements, flew into Peiping via Moscow and Irkutsk on Sept. 7.

Strohm reports that his travel in Red China was "far easier and less restricted than it was in either of my two visits to Russia."

Besides stories for NEA and *Reader's Digest*, Strohm will write a book and give lectures on his trip.

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